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(54) **FILTER SYSTEM FOR A FLUID**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A filter system for filtering a fluid is disclosed which includes a sock tank fluidly connected to a baffle tank. The sock tank contains a sock filter for separating particles of a certain size from an unclean fluid. The unclean fluid can come from a container holding a large quantity of fluid, such as an aquarium. The filtered fluid from the sock tank is then routed into the baffle tank. The baffle tank has a first chamber in fluid communication with a second chamber. The first chamber contains a bacteria culture for biological filtration of the incoming fluid. First and second baffles are positioned within the first and second chambers and function to regular the flow of filtered fluid from the first chamber to the second chamber. The first and second baffles also control the fluid level in the first chamber so that the bacteria culture is fully immersed in fluid at all times. This is needed so that the bacteria culture can function properly. The filter system further includes a return conduit for routing filtered fluid from the second chamber of the baffle tank back into the container holding a large quantity of fluid.

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